

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on 12/08/2005. Claims 18-25 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 18, 20, 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tonnby (USP 6320857) hereinafter Tonnby. Claims 19, 21, 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tonnby.

In response to the Examiner's rejections and statements, applicant herein amends the claims to more particularly point out the innovative functions available at the user's end not taught or suggested in the art of Tonnby.

Applicant amends independent claims 18, 20, 22 and 24 to include the ability for the user to route calls received at the service system from the user's appliance through icons that the user can manipulate.

The Examiner relies upon Tonnby to teach or suggest all of the limitations of applicant's invention. Applicant argues that Tonnby fails to teach that the user can further route or handle calls by manipulating icons on the user's appliance. Applicant points out that, actually the user in Tonnby does not have the facility to personally route calls as in applicant's invention. Tonnby teaches that there are three alternatives the user has the option of choosing when an alert is received of an incoming call. Option a) is to take the call, option b) is to instruct the telephony server to send the call to a call handling agent and finally option c) the server rejects the call without answering it (col. 5, lines 32-65).

Applicant's invention offers added services to the user not available in the art of Tonnby. Tonnby teaches away from using icons and direct user call routing using icons on the desktop by providing the call handling agent.

The Examiner, when providing reasoning for obviousness takes official notice that a method and system of using icons is expected in the art at the time of filing the present invention. Applicant disagrees and invites the Examiner to produce relevant art.

Applicant believes that independent claims 18, 20, 22 and 24, as amended are patentable over the art of Tonnby. Dependent claim 25 is patentable on its own merits, or at least as depended from a patentable claim.

Applicant respectfully requests the application be reconsidered and passed quickly to issue. If there are any time extensions due beyond any extension requested and paid with this amendment, such extensions are hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with the present amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

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